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## NIGHT INSPECTOR

Customs Authorities to Be Asked For One Here.

### NEW LAUNCH ON THE RIVER

Steamer Alliance Gets Away for Eureka—Toledo Sails for Seattle and Alaska—Bee Leaves Out for Shoalwater Bay.

Yesterday's Oregonian contains the following, which is of decided interest to many here, and should prevail, if it is possible to secure the concession:

"Pilots and shipmasters plying out of this port are taking steps further to facilitate the handling of coastwise traffic by asking for the appointment of a night custom house official at Astoria. A communication will be addressed to Collector of Customs W. L. Robb, at Astoria, requesting him to use his influence for the appointment of a deputy to remain on watch during the night so that vessels arriving or departing after office hours can be entered or cleared without the captain or pilot having to run about the city looking up one of the collectors, which system is now in vogue at the city-by-the-sea.

"Coastwise shipping is being caused considerable detention, the customs collectors, of Astoria are being annoyed, and shipmasters and pilots are put to a great deal of unpleasant work by reason of there being no night man to receive or issue the necessary papers for the craft that makes Astoria a port of call.

"We should have had a night man at Astoria long ago," said one of the pilots yesterday, in speaking of the petition which is now being circulated among the interests concerned. "Coastwise shipping is being detained a great deal by reason of there being no deputy on duty after the closing of the office at night or before it opens at 9 in the morning. A large majority of the steamers plying between Portland and California ports reach Astoria at night, both going and coming, and then either the captain or the pilot has to hustle around for one of the collectors to have the papers passed upon. Sometimes vessels get in late, and it is not at all pleasant to have to drag the collector out of bed for the sake of accommodating the steamship people.

"The collectors never complain, but

we feel that they are being imposed upon inasmuch as they get no pay for night work. Not seldom does it happen that the skipper of one vessel will disturb the peaceful slumbers of a collector, and no sooner has he returned to bed before another navigator will drop around and tear down the house to secure a permit to proceed.

"Nearly all of the vessels running out of Portland stop at Astoria to pick up passengers and freight, and this makes it necessary for them to clear there, notwithstanding the fact that they have papers from the office in Portland."

"The petition to Collector Robb reads as follows:

"The masters and pilots plying between Astoria and Portland beg of you to use your influence in securing a night custom house man at Astoria to clear in and out bound vessels now plying out of the Columbia River. We deem it an absolute necessity that there be a custom house man on duty at night in order to more facilitate the handling of the shipping."

"Many signatures have already been affixed to the petition."

### ♦ FLOTSAM AND JETSAM. ♦

The Revenue cutter Perry returned yesterday afternoon from a week's sojourn in Portland waters.

The handsome tug Tatoosh arrived home from her sea tow to Flattery with the French Jean Baptiste.

The steamer Redondo, from San Francisco, arrived here at 6 o'clock last evening, and left up for Portland at once.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore went to the bar again yesterday but had to return to port and will probably make it out this morning.

The steamer Bee made it out for Shoalwater Bay yesterday, after a delay of twenty-four hours in this port, after taking on a cargo of lumber at that point, she will proceed to San Francisco.

The steamer Toledo, Alaska bound from Portland, is at the Sanborn dock in this city awaiting high-sea dispatch for the north. She is loaded with canary supplies for the upper plains.

The steamer Alliance came down from Portland yesterday morning, with thirty-six people in her cabin and seven in her stowage, and a good manifest of freight. She has just come off the drydock where she was scraped and painted and has undergone the full limit of her annual diglits and inspection at the hands of the federal officers, and is in prime shape for business. She left out of here at 10:35 o'clock a. m. yesterday, Capt. Durrant of the Salvation Army, and E. Mellex, as passengers for Marshfield.

The handsome launch "Lexington," the property of Senator J. G. Megler, of Brookfield, and built by R. M. Leathers of this city, was slipped into the Columbia from the ways at Leathers' yards, yesterday afternoon, and being fully equipped with her motors and with plenty of oil fuel, she was gotten under way at once and left up for Brookfield at once, with the Senator and Mrs. Megler as passengers. She was named the "Lexington" by her owner, in memory, and honor, of the famous old war-ship of that name, on which he served during the great civil war. She will be used in the fishing industries with which Senator Megler is connected, and is evidently a fast and serviceable boat.

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## WANT MONEY BACK

Miners Begin Suit For Money Paid for Goldless Mine.

MINE NEVER PAID ANYTHING

Purchasers Worked the Property for Five Years and Sank Four Million Dollars in it—Company Finally Goes Into Bankruptcy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The suit of Edward Blewitt and Frederick W. and James M. Wilmons to recover \$186,718 from Colgate Hoyt, the banker, and Leigh Hunt, was placed on trial yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Betts and a jury. The suit originated in the purchase by Hoyt and some associates of a gold mine in the Monte Cristo tract in Washington.

The mine belonged originally to Hiram G. Bond of California, who assigned his claims, to Hoyt, Leigh Hunt and Charles Colby. A bond for \$175,000 was given by the purchasers guaranteed by the net earnings of the mine and bond assigned this guarantee to the plaintiffs, Blewitts and the two Wilmons.

A cash payment of \$175,000 was also made by the purchasers. The plaintiffs are suing on the bond and allege that the mine was never properly worked and no accounting of the net earnings rendered. Judge Bond is here as a witness. Hoyt and Hunt, the defendants, Colby being dead, assert that the mine was worked for five years and turned out to be goldless. They sank \$4,000,000, it is alleged, in mining operations there until in 1898 work had to be stopped because of a washout. The company organized to mine the district went into bankruptcy and the claims were sold by credits.

## THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

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homesteader. Some advocates of leasing believe that the homestead entryman should have the right to enter upon land during the term of even an annual lease, after proving his bona fide home purpose. Others are inclined to think that settlement of the country will be amply safeguarded by providing that the homestead entryman shall be given access to the land only after expiration of a range lease. Champions of the small stockman taking range land, shall be insured a good range acreage about his homestead, which others cannot leave. The range homestead has been suggested as a law that would encourage the cattle industry at least, if not the sheep, and recognize the semi-arid condition of the country. This suggestion is to let a man take a large range acreage as a single homestead, the limit being such probable yield of forage as the average agricultural homestead yields.

All of the solutions proposed could not be enumerated in a limited space, but enough have been advanced to prove that when the question must finally be decided, there will be a wide diversity of courses offered. Western states should begin a careful study of the situation. They will be most vitally affected, and unless their rights as states and industrial commonwealths are ably championed in the formative hour of law-making, theories that are utterly impracticable may be forced upon them.

There has been such a stir throughout the East in regard to the public domain, that radical action might be expected if the true status of the West is not made the subject of constant education. Many Eastern people regard the acquisition of more than 160 acres of public land by one person or company as "land grabbing." They do not realize the necessities of a range country. When informed on the timber acreage required by a large lumber concern before erecting a mill, they are inclined to style the business precaution a public outrage. To meet such views as these, and have whatever legislation is enacted kept upon a plane permitting the most rapid and permanent Western development, many Western people are already anticipating the discussion by gathering data.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

J. W. Johnson, of Melville, is in the city on business.

Archib McClain returned last night from a trip to Clatskanie.

J. Strauss returned last night from a business trip to Portland.

D. N. Stevens of the Capital City, is a business visitor in Astoria.

R. M. Hart, a well known business man of St. Louis, is in the city.

C. C. Masten and wife returned last night from a short visit in Portland.

J. Ackerman, of New York city is in the city, a guest at the Hotel Occident.

O. C. Hansel of Warrenton was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

George Warren returned yesterday evening from Portland after a brief stay.

George Coe Jr., a prosperous logger of Stevens, is in the city for a few days.

A. V. Allen Jr. was a homing passenger yesterday evening from the metropolis.

G. C. Palmberg spent yesterday in the metropolis, returning on the evening train.

George Beltes, of San Francisco, was a passenger to this city on the noon train yesterday.

W. C. Parsons of Arizona, arrived in the city on the noon express yesterday and is transacting business here.

T. S. Newgard, traveling passenger agent of the Cunard Steamship Company, is in the city on business.

E. C. Heggland of the Portland Flouring Mills, was a passenger to Eureka, via the steamer Alliance, yesterday.

C. E. White, representing the Blake-McFall Company, returned on last evening's train from a business trip to Chehalis.

Flint Bowen, of Denver, Colo., is a business visitor in Astoria, having come in on the 11:35 train yesterday morning.

Collector Robb and his son James returned on the Redondo from San Francisco yesterday evening after a two weeks' stay. They report a pleasant trip.

Mrs. James O'Connell of this city returned yesterday evening on the late train from Portland, after a brief visit.

W. J. Barry was a passenger last night to this city from Portland, where he went on business.

W. H. Bell, inspector for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, arrived in the city last night, to take charge of the machine of the late News-Herald.

Captain Thomas Oring arrived down last night from Portland for a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carlton of Portland, cousins of Mrs. C. B. Morse, of this city, arrived here from the metropolis on the noon express yesterday, and will be guests at the Morse home for several days.

C. C. Lightfoot, formerly with the Clatsop Mill Company, but now traveling representative for Wadhams & Company, returned to this city last night from his maiden trip through the Willamette Valley. He reports business good in the valley towns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson returned last evening, from an extended trip through California, having visited the many different points of interest in the land of sun-line and flowers. While gone they visited Mr. Ferguson's brother Dell located at Santa Barbara. Mr. Ferguson says that his brother is recovering from a spell of sickness, notwithstanding that they had a delightful trip, both while they were with the Oregon excursionists, and after leaving them. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson say that they are glad to return to Astoria once more.



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